BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 19, 2025

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Shane Garner opened in prayer and Jay Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Jay Copple and Mitch Bennett. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property **Add per the request of Mr. Minor

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:32 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:11 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2025
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2025

5.2 Approve Financial Report (May 2025)
5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (May 2025)
5.4 Review/Approve Surplus Property (ENCL A)
5.5 Review/Approve 1st Reading of Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 118 (ENCL B)

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project updates
- Update on insurance increases
- Daktronics display boards have been ordered

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.
Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails, as well as his end of the year summary/report. Mr. Garner also shared an update on his progress with securing sponsorships for the new display boards.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Extra Duty Slate of Assignments for spring sports and bass fishing. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes with the exception to abstain from any activities involving Andy Sloan and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the Resignation of Justin Groves as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach effective immediately. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Mason Tieffel as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Ensley Tedeschi as a Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball coach for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Blakely Johnson as a Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball coach for the 2025-26 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Tyler Leffler as the Head Baseball Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Approve Contract for Superintendent Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for School Superintendent as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Fees for 2025-2026 School Year Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the fees for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the posting of Assistant Baseball Coaches (2), Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and any remaining extracurricular openings for the 2025-26 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve District Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal Jay Copple made a motion to approve the District Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. FOIA REQUESTS

- Current staff contact directory for the district, specifically a list of all school and district-level administrators, including: Name, Title/Position, Work Email Address, Work Location (School Name or Central Office). The request came from CT Mills, Public Info Access LLC, esnetworkllc@gmail.com. The request was fulfilled.
- Name, phone, and email address of every teacher and administrator in the district. The request came from Jake Butler in Miami, Florida. The request was fulfilled.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Marci Glover stated she left the last meeting regretting not saying "thank you" to those who have been attending board meetings recently and for their patience throughout the Title IX investigation process. Although most of those people were not in attendance to hear this, she wanted to express her feelings.

12. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT **BOARD SECRETARY**